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THIS is the last day to secure the ten per cent discount on Water Rents.

Thermometer Record. The thermometer at Schnepf's drug store, Opera House corner, Saturday, registered as follows:

8 a. m.	31	2 p. m.	44
9 a. m.	32	3 p. m.	39
10 a. m.	33	4 p. m.	36
11 a. m.	34	5 p. m.	35
12 m.	35	6 p. m.	34

Weather Indications. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—For West Virginia and Western Pennsylvania, rain, warmer generally southerly winds.

Trades Assembly and Labor Legislation. The Ohio Valley Trades and Labor Assembly met yesterday in special session, to take into consideration the proposed labor legislation to be asked at the hands of the coming Legislature. The various bills heretofore spoken of as desirable in the view of the Assembly were presented, read by section for consideration, and a few amendments made in detail. A considerable time was spent in discussion of the different measures, and in addition to this nothing of interest to the public was done.

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LOC SWANICKER.

To the Ladies.

Mrs. Baer wishes to announce that she will hereafter conduct a Parlor, Millinery at 1113 Chapline street. All are cordially invited.

LOCAL BRIEVES.

Matters of Minor Moment in and About the City.

The last day of Leap Year.—Among the "Pines."

The Grand this evening.—Harry Lindley Comedy Company.

There are twenty cases on the docket for this morning's police court.

Finer winter weather than this is seldom experienced in the Ohio Valley.

The Belmont mill closed down Saturday for a week, which will be spent in taking stock.

Van Dusen left the jail here again. It is said it will take \$2,000 to take his case up to the Supreme Court of Appeals.

Charles Elise was taken with a severe hemorrhage in the South End Saturday, creating a good deal of excitement.

The friends of George Heamer, of East Wheeling, who has been sick for some time, are to give a ball for his benefit to-night.

Officer Bell on Saturday picked up a six-year-old boy named Ed Taylor to whom somebody had given beer or liquor until he was very drunk.

Harry Northwood, the well-known glass manufacturer, is the patentee of a new article in glassware, having a surface of lustrous, adherent, unscratched sand.

There will be a meeting of the Junior Plumed Knights at Lincoln Club Room this evening at 7:30 o'clock, to consider business of importance. Every member is requested to be present.

The Board of County Commissioners will to-day wind up their business and step down and out. The terms of all county officers also end to-day, as well as those of the circuit judges.

The police on Saturday night raided the house of Celia Williams, arresting her and three girls, and the house of Minnie Zulauf, where she, three girls and three men were captured.

Bob Smith, the young man who fell into a boiling hot lime vat at the Bells mill about ten days ago, is in a very serious condition, and fears were entertained last night of his death.

P. H. Blaney, a New Englander, complained to the police Saturday night that Robert Smith, a woman of ill repute, had robbed him. The woman and he were both locked up. He was drunk.

A man named William Wells, from Marion county, complained to the police Saturday that he had been robbed of \$43 and notes for \$200, at an Upper Market street saloon. The police are examining into the case.

The wife of William Payne, the colored person sent to the penitentiary for days since, was yesterday, who was reported to have died at the time her husband was sentenced, died Saturday and was buried yesterday. She leaves a child only a few days old.

The river was 14 feet and falling. The Andes is due to-day from Cincinnati, and will leave on her return trip to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. The popularity of the Andes is such that she needs no special word of praise or recommendation.

J. W. Holliday Post and Phil Sheridan Post are arranging for a big camp fire at G. A. R. Hall, Wednesday evening. All members of the Grand Army and old soldiers who are not members are expected and a great time will be had. Coffee, beans and refreshments will be served.

William Shaffer, of East Wheeling, was attacked on twenty-third street last night by a crowd of men, and pretty badly cut up. He was carried to his father's residence on Twenty-fourth street and his wounds dressed by Doctor Sattler. He thinks he knows his assailants, especially the one who did the cutting.

About 6 o'clock last evening a fire started in the building on the corner of Main street and the paper mill alley, occupied down stairs by Porter's saloon. It was put out before an alarm was sent in. Some old clothes were burning in the yard. An overhauled life is the supposed cause.

WHEELING CENTRAL LODGE, of the Amalgamated Association, elected the following officers at a meeting held Saturday evening: Henry Foster, President; D. C. Moore, Financial Secretary; Albert Foster, Recording Secretary; George Foster, George Foster and W. T. Smith, Guards; and Patrick Butler, Thomas Shaw and George Evans, Trustees.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Strangers in the City and Wheeling People Abroad.

Hon. Lewis Bennett, of Weston, is at the Stamm.

Miss Alice Allen, of Pittsburgh, is visiting friends here.

Miss May Prince returned from a six week tour in Dr. and Mrs. Ed. Herzer, at Louisville, Ky.

Col. George W. Thompson and daughter, Miss Jennie, were the guests of Colonel Thompson's mother east of the city Saturday.

Mrs. Judge Stealy, of New Martinsville, passed through the city Saturday en route for Chicago on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Dyer.

C. W. Gore, of Clarksville, who is attending the State University at Morgantown, is spending a part of his holiday vacation here. He is registered at the Stamm.

Mr. Clark Hamilton, the U. S. gauger at this point, and his friend, Mr. Red, of Belmont, ran up to Pittsburgh Saturday and heard the Boston Ideal Opera Company.

Mrs. A. Crawford, accompanied by her daughter Sadie, has been spending the past week with her brother, Thomas McClellan, of the South Side. They returned to their home at Mercer, Pa., Saturday.

Mr. Atkins Lawrence and wife and two children, Miss Catherine Coleman, Mr. William Willing and Mr. Loring and Manager C. B. Kline, of the "Among the Pines" company, are at the McLure house.

W. W. Wallace, a member of the firm of P. P. Mack & Co.'s extensive agricultural implement works, of Springfield, Ohio, and manager of the Peoria and St. Louis houses, is spending a few days with his daughter, Mrs. J. W. Sander, of the Island.

Dr. Wilbur Captures Another Monster Tumor in Wheeling.

Mrs. Lena Sliger, who lives at 1308 Byron street, has had a tumor for the past fourteen years, which grew until it was with difficulty she could have it dressed fitted.

She died at different times, but they advised her to let it alone, as she might bleed to death if she attempted to have it cut out, knowing as she did that tumors so often cause death if allowed to increase so rapidly as hers had recently.

She died in the attempt. Dr. Wilbur told her he could remove it without any trouble, and with his encouraging words to cheer her she underwent the operation. The tumor was removed and is now a certainty. The tumor has thirty-seven lobes, some of them being larger than one's thumb. Any one can see the monster tumor by calling at her residence as she is only two blocks from the city hall.

Miss Belle Harley, 1156 Main street, was there and assisted in the operation.

SHIRLEY—Present address, Canton, Ohio.

Physicians say that there is no remedy for consumption. In some cases this may be correct. We know, however, of many cures made by Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, and we will guarantee relief.

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NAPOLÉON OF SWINDLERS.

The Greatest Confidence Man of Modern History

AND HIS WHEELING CAREER.

A Short but Brilliant Residence Here

Crowded with Sensational Incidents—His Operations in the Millions.

The papers of all the metropolitan cities of this country have lately contained long accounts of episodes in the career of George Bidwell, known in this country as the "Napoleon of swindlers," and all over Europe as the "king of forgers." An occasional episode of his career is all that any paper could print, for the history of his almost unparalleled achievements in roguery makes a bulky book. Bidwell was recently pardoned out of prison in England after serving twenty years for a series of bold and successful operations by which several millions of dollars were obtained by him and his accomplices from the Bank of England. He came back to this country, and has visited the scenes of most of his old-time swindles here; but so far as known he has omitted to return to the city where in his most sensational and memorable adventures occurred.

That city was Wheeling. The few who read the INTELLIGENCER to-day remember ever to have heard the name George Bidwell. But when it is stated that he was a leading member of the firm of "S. S. Bover & Co.," the past will come like a flash before many a Wheeling man of middle age.

A SUCCESSFUL FIRM.

One of the most interesting and sensational cases with which the Circuit Court of Ohio county ever had anything to do, was the trial of four men forming the firm of "S. S. Bover & Co." The head of this firm was a man who claimed to be a Spaniard, named Dr. S. S. Bover, for which he claimed Bover was the English equivalent.

In the winter of 1864-65, a man giving his name as S. S. Bover, and accompanied by a man calling himself Cole, the two claiming to be partners, came to Wheeling and opened a place called the "Napoleon of swindlers," and in a few days they had secured a large store of Messrs. Ott & Laughlin, on Monroe, now Twelfth street, paying Mr. Ott his price in cash. Cole was the alias of George Bidwell.

The business was continued on a more extensive scale, and the two men carried on a large business in the conservative business circles. They sold at wholesale all kinds of goods, such as tea, tobacco and cigars, and induced every coming in, in range of their line of business, at prices so materially below the market that they commanded all the trade they could handle.

About this time inquiries began to come for numerous mythical Wheeling firms. One New York firm and another in Philadelphia sent requests for goods, and the two men, who had no goods, had large bills of goods on credit. No such firms were known here, and though the goods were traced to Bridgeport, across the river, nobody knew where they went from into the transactions of the house a young man named W. T. Eldridge, of Cumberland, Md. Eldridge was running business there in the same Napoleonic way in which S. S. Bover & Co. conducted it here.

A TELL-TALE TRANSACTION.

Eldridge bought of Gillet & Co., a Baltimore importing house, a whole cargo of tea. Of course he could not dispose of it all, and the larger part of it was shipped to S. S. Bover & Co. here. They in turn shipped it to Cincinnati, where it was credited on their account with a large bill, and the cargo was put in the box of the tea was taken to the Bover store.

Not unaturally, Gillet & Company grew suspicious, seeing that the tea had not been paid for, and sent an agent to investigate. This agent, with the aid of a policeman named Pender, well remembered by older residents, soon located the box of tea, and then Pender started a little investigation on his own account. He arranged with the clerk of W. Campbell, one of the clerks at the firm, of which Bover and Bidwell were the chief members. He opened the letters by steaming, and after reading, returned them to the postmaster, who sent them to Bidwell & Bidwell, who had no objection that their mail had been examined over entered the heads of the two worthies. Pender effected a similar arrangement at the telegraph office.

In due time he captured the letter to Bidwell, and then he proceeded to address it. He procured a requisition, bagged his man at Louisville, Ky., and put him on the train. Hand-cuffed as he was, Eldridge passed the car window and jumped out while the train was making. He was seen to get into a hack, and Belmont, over the river. He was comparatively unharmed. After spending the night in the woods he went to a farm-house, and with a moving tale of his adventures, he wrought upon the farmer's wife that she removed his iron, mended his clothes, cooked him a generous breakfast, and putting a silver dollar into his hand, bade him God speed.

As a part of this silver dollar Eldridge telegraphed Bidwell to meet him at Cadiz Junction. The telegram, of course, passed through Pender's hands, and he was promptly at the depot and greeted Eldridge with the words: "Well, Eldridge, how do you feel after the header? I knew you had no money, and did not want to leave you out in the cold such weather as this."

THE WHOLE QUANTITY IN JAIL.

Eldridge was soon back in jail here. Then Pender arrested Bover, Bidwell and their clerk, who was known as John Wesley, but who was really a brother of George Bidwell's, his right name being John Wesley Bidwell.

Before this Bover and Bidwell, or Cole, had been arrested, but claimed that they had bought the tea from a man named Wright, about whom they could give no information. It was developed that the tea was shipped here to Wright & Co., and the men were discharged. Nothing was heard of them again.

Line & Co., of Cincinnati, who had carried their arrest, for \$10,000 damages, and threatened to sue Pender. But Pender, who seems to have been no fool, preferred a charge against them of selling goods without license, and they were fined \$5 and cost. Then Pender went after the crowd, with the result stated. This in March, 1865.

On the 21st of that month the party had a preliminary hearing, and were held in \$800 bail each, except John Wesley, who was only given \$500. S. S. Bover was never shown to have used any other name. George Bidwell was arraigned as Henry Cole, alias S. G. Bidwell; Eldridge as W. T. Eldridge, alias A. B. Brand, alias John Henry.

April 9 their case came on for trial. It was shown by evidence of eastern merchants that the firm or its members had bought goods from nearly every house in all the large cities of the east, and that they sold them at less than cost before they reached Wheeling. The defense secured a new trial on the ground of the absence of an important witness.

THE QUARTETTE SENTENCED.

On May 11 the prisoners were again put on trial, and the next day were found guilty, the jury fining them \$9,000, and leaving the term of imprisonment to the court.

On May 14, while "Cole" was eating breakfast in the residence of the county jailer (Mr. Lewis Jones) with the jailer's family, as was his custom, he pretended to be taken suddenly very sick, and rising left the table in a great hurry. Owing to the high wall around the jail, which was kept locked, he was not seen.

He managed to scale the wall, and walked rapidly up Thirteenth street (then Hampden) intending to go over the hill. On Hampden street he met Mr. Chandler, a brother of the prosecuting attorney, who recognized him, and going to his brother's office, asked how Cole got out. Prosecutor Chandler hastened to the jail, and his inquiries were the first intimation Jailer Jones had of Cole's escape. He pursued, and in a stone quarry near McCulloch's lamp, came up with Cole, who ran. Mr. Jones called to him to stop, but he did not. Then his pursuer fired a shot, which brought Cole, or Bidwell, to a stop, and he was again lodged in jail and the crowd took his meal behind the bars with the other prisoners.

May 20th the men were all sentenced to be imprisoned for two years in addition to the fine of \$3,000.

THE ESCAPE.

There was then no State penitentiary, and State convicts were confined in a ward of the county jail. It is thought, however, that the men were taken to the term of imprisonment.

When sentenced, Cole made an eloquent speech, claiming that he and his companions had not received justice. He also presented a written statement, asking that he and Bover might be confined together in one of the "debtors' rooms," giving as his reason that they desired to study together and improve their minds.

This request was not granted. The authorities seem to have become impressed by this time with a belief that the men were desperate.

On July 25, 1865, a watchman named Hoffman was making his rounds at the jail when a small crowd of men gathered outside. Hoffman climbed through a window into the basement, and found himself in the midst of a group of six convicts, who it was afterwards found had opened their cell door by means of a wooden key made by Mr. Bidwell. They kicked the watchman into insensibility, but not until he had raised the alarm. Jailer Jones and Watchman Briester responded, meeting the men on the stairway. The prisoners had bricks, and beat the officers, and got a revolver, followed the men. They leaped from the second story window. As he reached the window, William Moreland, one of the prisoners, sent up for five years for stealing a horse from the Grand Hotel, and threw a brick at the jailer's head.

SHOT DEAD.

Mr. Jones fired his revolver as Moreland leaped, and the prisoner fell with the ball in his left side, and died in a few seconds.

The jailer also seriously, though not fatally, injured, and a burglar, who for fifteen years, under Marks, for seven years for robbing the Adams Express company, and Joseph Hughes, sent from Cabbell county for two years for stealing horses.

One prisoner sent up for six years for robbery, and the man Eldridge escaped. Nothing was ever heard of him here afterwards until Bidwell on his release from the London prison, told the story Eldridge told him. It is in substance that he and Bidwell had been in the woods, and on the morning of the fourth day reconnoitered. Imagine their chagrin to find they had missed their way and were in near proximity to the very jail from which they had escaped. Half panic-stricken, they changed their course till they struck the Ohio river. They determined to swim across. The undertow took Eldridge under a scow, and he landed insensible on the bank.

One of the other men, who had been in the same boat, reached the shore, and in a few minutes the barbed wire fence of the penitentiary reached New York, and was once more among his friends.

SEVEN GO OUT.

The Sheriff offered a reward of \$100 each for the capture of these men, but they were so much of course, and the reward was never explained here until now.

Less than a month after this break, seven men escaped, among them being Bidwell (Cole) and his brother (John Wesley). This was the last of the men living and have either reformed or have respectable relatives living here; and as they do not enter into this story, it is not necessary to add to their burdens that of renewed publicity now. The five men who had been in the boat with Bidwell were met by George Davenport, the lawyer, who tried to stop them and was promptly knocked down. Their escape was effected by overpowering a turn-key who went in to give them their supper, and taking the keys from him.

Of course their flight created much excitement, and in the gathering darkness the two Bidwells went down the alley from Thirteenth street, the impression prevailing that they had gone east.

In 1867 Bidwell fell in with one Wilkes and Walter Sheridan, the latter a professional forger. Two attempts to raise money by purchases of gold with fraudulent bills failed through the cowardice of Wilkes.

Later on Bidwell made the acquaintance of George Engles, the great forger, known as "the Terror of Wall Street."

BRILLIANT OPERATIONS.

Engles was out of money, and told Bidwell if he would procure the genuine check of some firm in good credit, and he would give him the money. Bidwell, who was heavily in debt, and who would have some face-like checks printed and draw out all their money. The plan was successfully carried out as follows:

Bidwell went to Newark, N. J., and there procured a check from the firm of whose bank account was thus to be depleted, ordering certain goods, enclosing a bill of exchange for \$100, and requesting them to remit any balance due him by check. The goods were shipped, and the check sent to the bank as requested. This check was handed to Engles, who in two days had the fraudulent bank checks ready. The first operation was to tender a forged check in payment for \$100,000, which was cashed by the bank. The bank selling the gold sent the check thus tendered to the bank on which it was drawn for certification, and when the check had been returned certified Bidwell stepped forward to receive the Custom House gold coin, and then sent it to Engles, who handed them to a confederate, who went to the Custom House and drew the gold. This maneuver was twice repeated.

After this came the historic adventure of Bidwell and Monroe E. Brazil, and Bidwell's sole operations on the continent. All these were merely a sort of training for the Bank of England fraud, the most brilliant in the history of crimes.

Bidwell's Wheeling operations were not his first. He and one Kibbe victimized eastern houses to the extent of \$15,000 by opening a store at Providence, Rhode Island, and the money was sent to Canada, but Bidwell followed him and with a pistol forced him to give up the money. A series of successful swindles followed, but as Bidwell says in his account of his life, "It was, first at the little town of Wheeling, W. Va., that I got a taste of the law."

There are a number of people in Wheeling who remember Bidwell and Bover. It is from information gotten from them, from Bidwell's own story, and from the files of the DAILY INTELLIGENCER of 1865, that this account is compiled.

VISITING STATESMEN.

Trying to Devise Means to Let Themselves Down Easy.

THE SENATORIAL RING HERE

Consulting in Private with the Late

Gubernatorial Candidate, and Some Others—What Their Visit Means—A Talk.

On Saturday in a top room of the Hotel Windsor, in this city, some of the Democratic leaders held a conference with themselves and some of their followers. Ex-Senator Camden put his many autograph on the register and scanned the page for the name of Senator Faulkner, who came along later. Then they both looked for Senator Kenna, who was billed to arrive. When Kenna came in he looked for the remainder of the Senatorial outfit, and then they all dropped in on Judge Fleming. In due course of mail Secretary of State Walker entered his appearance. Chairman Riley, who ran the campaign, was on deck. State Senator Oxley and Capt. Ed. Watson, with his fellow townsman, C. L. Hagar, of Fairmont, showed up before long. Attorney General Caldwell, Johnny Pendleton and J. B. Taney came around to know whether they were wanted.

A WHEEL WITHIN A WHEEL.

There were in fact two conferences, one of the few fellows all by themselves and one to which the little fellows were invited to receive orders. Sundry Ohio county politicians hung around to be within call if wanted, but the call didn't seem to be loud enough for them to hear. They knew that something was going on, but they were given no hint as to what it was all right. A Democrat remarked that it was strange that ex-Senator Henry G. Davis no longer appeared to be a welcome guest at the council table, and he thought things might be different if he were present. The suggestion that Secretary of State Walker would look out for the Governor's interest brought from a Democrat the interesting query, "Do you think so?"

THEY WANT MONEY.

The statesmen of various degrees were assembled to decide once more what they were going to do about it and how they were going to do it. Grave doubts were entertained of the success of the scheme to seat Judge Fleming in the Governor's chair. It was represented that the contest would cost a barrel of money. The funds were not to be had from the party, which looks with little favor on the project. Senator Camden was unwilling to shoulder the whole burden. Senator Fairbank and Kenna were willing, of course, but didn't have it within reach. Judge Fleming could not be expected to take on himself the whole burden. The appeal through the Register for money was regarded as a mistake. It had brought no money, and the response had not uncovered the Democratic hand. As for volunteer work, that was all very well at first, but the party workers had at last realized that the little patronage left to the Democrats was not enough to carry them. Money was what was required if the fight was to go on. It is believed that no decision on this point was reached, though the disposition was to go as far as possible for the gubernatorial contest.

A TIDY LITTLE SCHEME.

This was not all the visiting statesmen talked about. They have a scheme for organizing the Republican Senate as well as the Democratic House. They hope to accomplish by inducing enough Republicans to stay away to leave the Democrats in control of the Senate. The plan is to send a number of Republicans on a nice little excursion and keep them exulting until the Democrats have it all their own way. Then the Republicans can come back if they think the home atmosphere will agree with their health. The Democratic programme does not contemplate any special solicitude for the subsequent welfare of the Republican excursionists.

AND THEY SMILED.

The conferees had their little smile over the alleged bargain between the Democrats and the Republicans to allow Judge Fleming to be elected to the Governor's chair. They thought the imagination very fertile which gave birth to that bit of political tomfoolery. The conference left apart, and one by one, sometimes in pairs, the statesmen left the Senatorial building. The last to go was Mr. Camden left yesterday morning for Parkersburg. Senator Kenna held out a special survey of his individual fences.

WHAT JUDGE FLEMING SAYS.

The excitement of Raising It Benefited Him—His Claim.

An INTELLIGENC